ported formulations like Adriyamicin and polio vaccine are being received reportedly due to their scarce availability in the international market.

Losses incurred by State Electricity Boards

1901. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the accumulated losses incurred by State Electricity Boards during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) what has been the performance of the various State Electricity Boards in the latest year as regards delays in project implementation and their high costs, low plant-load factor, transmission and distribution losses, levels of consumption of coal and oil, excessive auxiliary consumption, overstaffing, surplus inventory, industrial relations and lack of financial discipline;

(c) what are the names of States where consumers are regularly receiving reliable power supply within the accepted norms of voltage and frequency; and

(d) what are the remedial measures suggested by the Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board Chairman in January last in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) As per available information the total cumulative losses of the State Electricity Boards as on 31st March, 1985, 31st March, 1986 and 31st March, 1987 have been estimated at about Rs. 1647.8 crores, Rs. 2161.50 crores and Rs. 2748.40 crores respectively after taking into account rural electrification subsidies as provided in the Board accounts.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Reliability of power supply within acceptable limits of voltage and frequency depends on many factors such as transmission & distribution system, reactive compensation, load and generation balance in the integrated power systems at all points of time etc. Even within the State system voltage conditions may vary in different areas. All efforts are being made by the State Authorities to keep the voltage and frequency parameters within safe limits to the extent possible. To further improve the quality of power supply, action is being taken by way of strengthening transmission and distribution systems, effective preventive maintenance, provision of required reactive compensation, enforcing grid discipline etc.

(d) In the Seminar organised by the National Council of Power Utilities in January, 1988, Chairman, APSEB made various suggestions which include increasing role for Central Power Generating Corporations, need for a uniform tariff throughout the country, increased autonomy for the State Electricity Boards, separate organisation for power generation transmission from distribution, introduction of uniform agricultural tariff throughout the country and supply of energy required by the agricultural sector from the Central Generating Stations at that tariff etc.

Appointment of ED Employees in Clerical Cadre

1902. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision for making appointments against the vacancies of open quota in the departmental examination of the clerical cadre in respect of those ED employees who have completed one year's service;

(b) if so, what is the present number of such vacancies and also the number of appointments of the ED employees made against such vacancies during the last three years; year-wise and in the current year; and

(c) whether Government propose to fill up such posts from ED employees in future?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Hydel Power Generation Targets

1903. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether hydel power generation during October—December, 1987 fell short of the target; if so, to what extent; and

(b) whether Government have taken steps to increase the power generation from thermal power stations to make good the shortfall; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) During the period October—December, 1987, the hydel power generation was about 10380 MU as against a target of about 15004 MU resulting in a shortfall of about 4624 MU.

(b) Various steps were taken to increase the power generation from thermal stations to off set the shortfall in hydro generation. The measures taken include re-scheduling of planned maintenance taking into account their current performance, bringing back units under forced outage and planned maintenance within the shortest possible time, arranging additional quantities of coal for increased thermal generation, etc. As a result of these measures, the total Thermal generation in the country during 1987-88 is expected to be about 6 billion units more than the target.

Completion of Thein Dam Project

1904. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the target date for the completion of Thein Dam and whether the work is going on as per schedule; and

(b) what was the outlay initially made for the project and what is likely to be final cost involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) The first unit of Thein Dam Project is scheduled to be commissioned in September, 1992 and the remaining three units at intervals of two months each thereafter. The work on the project is going on round the clock to commission the project as per schedule.

(b) Thein Dam Project was originally sanctioned in April, 1982, for installation of 4 X 120 MW at an estimated cost of Rs. 242.32 crores. In May 1986, the installed capacity was increased to 4 X 150 MW and the estimated cost of the Project was revised to Rs. 760.00 crores. As per the latest revised estimate furnished by the project authorities, the cost of the project is likely to go up to Rs. 952 crores.

Target for the self-employment Scheme

1905. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what was the target fixed for 1986-87 under the self employment scheme for the educated unemployed youth in Orissa;

(b) how much amount was earmarked during the years 1985-86 and 1986-87 to implement the scheme in the State;

(c) whether Government are aware that some of the Banks had not entertained the applications of the unem-